

Air Force Prime Time, a weekly news magazine for and about airmen stationed overseas, usually airs Thursdays at 8:25 p.m. Central European Time on AFN

television. This week, however, American Forces Network Frankfurt airs a special show on the introduction of the Euro currency and how it affects people stationed throughout Europe.

News briefs

No paper

Due to a German-observed holiday Thursday, the Eifel Times will not be printed Nov. 2.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday. Don't forget to set clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Night flying

People are reminded the 52nd Fighter Wing has scheduled night flying Nov. 5-8. Flights should be complete by 10 p.m. each day.

CGOC conference

The Spangdahlem Company Grade Officers' Council invites all company grade officers to attend the U.S. Air Forces in Europe CGOC Conference Nov. 17-19 in the Spangdahlem Air Base Officer's Club.

The theme is "Forging Intrepid Leaders: Tempered For Today And Tomorrow." Gen. Gregory Martin, USAFE commander, will be speaking to company grade officers from throughout the command on leadership challenges and expectations.

Maj. Gen. Robert Dierker, assistant chief of staff, Operations Division, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, and director of operations for Joint Forge and Joint Guardian, Mons, Belgium, will also be speaking on airmen's role in North Atlantic Treaty Organization and United Nation operating theaters.

Any company grade officers who want additional information or wish to attend can contact Capt. Shawn Campbell via the global e-mail.

Snow parade

The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron hosts its 3rd annual Snow and Ice Parade today at 5 p.m. Activities begin at 4 p.m. with a display of snow removal equipment in the parking lot adjacent to the Spangdahlem Air Base Bowling Center. Snow removal equipment operators will be on hand to answer questions.

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Staff Sgt. Timothy Cook
Airman 1st Class Kelly Wright, 52nd Communications Squadron, posts letter mail at the base post office at Spangdahlem Air Base using rubber gloves. This procedure was implemented after recent mail attacks in the United States.

Awareness key to safe mail delivery

By Capt. Dani Johnson

U.S. Air Forces in Europe Public Affairs

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany - The Sept. 11 attacks on Washington and New York, coupled with the recent detection of anthrax in the U.S. mail at locations within the United States, have prompted postal officials to ask for increased awareness by postal patrons.

"If something about a piece of mail doesn't seem right, show it to your postmaster," said Roger Kolkena, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Air Postal Squadron spokesman. "He or she is trained to recognize dangerous mail and will contact the appropriate personnel as necessary."

Much of our thinking and preparation in the past was directed toward explosives, but we also must consider other threats, such as chemical and biological.

"A number of facilities in U.S. communities have received anthrax threat letters - many were empty letters - while others contained a powdery substance," said USAFE medical spokesman, Lt. Col. Fred Kelsey. "The key is not to panic

because panic can lead to carelessness and a potential spreading of the mailed substance."

While some of the suspect letters have contained a white powder, that's not the only indicator of a potential threat. Other characteristics of suspicious packages and letters, identified by the postal service and the Centers for Disease Control, include the following:

- Excessive postage
- Handwritten or poorly typed addresses
- Incorrect titles
- Title, but no name
- Misspellings of common words
- Oily stains, discolorations or odor
- No return address
- Excessive weight

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CFC-Overseas underway at Spangdahlem Air Base

Campaign continues through December

Compiled from staff reports

The Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas, part of the largest public sector fund-raising drive in the world, is currently ongoing at Spangdahlem Air Base.

Typically, CFC ends in mid-November,

but this year's campaign was extended a month to allow for mailing delays and deployments, according to Greg Sassman, CFC European director.

As of Oct. 19, only 28 percent of eligible people at Spangdahlem AB and its geographically-separated units had been contacted, according to Master Sgt. Viking White, area project officer for CFC at Spangdahlem AB. People donating have

given a total of \$38,328.

Last year's campaign throughout the European command raised more than \$5.2 million. People from the 52nd Fighter Wing contributed more than \$245,000 to CFC.

This year's campaign has more than 1,300 charities from which to choose, including local programs. Wing members pledged more than \$9,000 to local support agencies last year.

During the campaign season, donors can designate contributions to a variety of American and international charities through CFC-O, said Renee Acosta, president of the campaign management organization for the CFC-O.

A list of Spangdahlem AB group CFC

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Accidents

By Staff Sgt. Edward D. Paxton
52nd Security Forces Squadron
Reports and Analysis

Eighteen Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents in the past week, two of which were major.

The first major accident occurred when a person traveling on B-257 was rear-ended by a vehicle speeding near Birtlingen. Both vehicles were totaled, and the occupants of both vehicles were transported to the Bitburg Krankenhaus with possible injuries.

The second accident occurred on B-50 adjacent to Albachmuhle. An airman entered a right curve while traveling approximately 60-70 kph, lost control and landed in a ditch. Investigation by Bitburg Polizei determined the airman was under the influence of alcohol. The vehicle damage consisted of a

cracked windshield, broken headlight and a damaged wheel, but there wasn't serious injury.

The 16 minor accidents involved:

■ One was driving too fast for road conditions.

■ One was improper backing.

■ One animal strike.

■ 13 were from inattentive driving.

In addition, 21 citations were issued.

Security forces wishes everyone a happy Halloween. Also, if you're driving during Halloween, use extra precautions. Don't take your eyes off the road to look at the children in costumes.

Remember, the speed limit is 30 kph in military housing areas, but it won't hurt to reduce your speed a bit more on Halloween.

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- Lopsided or uneven envelope
- Protruding wires or aluminum foil
- Visual distractions
- Noises from package

■ Marked with restrictive endorsements, such as "Personal" or "Confidential"

■ Shows a city or state in the postmark that does not match the return address

"Though the likelihood of receiving dangerous mail is extremely small," said Kolkena, "we urge postal customers to be cautious when accepting mail from unknown sources."

If a suspicious package or letter is received, do not handle the piece of mail. Cover the envelope or package with anything (clothing, paper, trash can, etc.) and do not remove this cover.

Also, make sure damaged or suspicious packages are isolated and the immediate area is closed off. Notify the postmaster or your supervisor and immediately contact OSI and security forces.

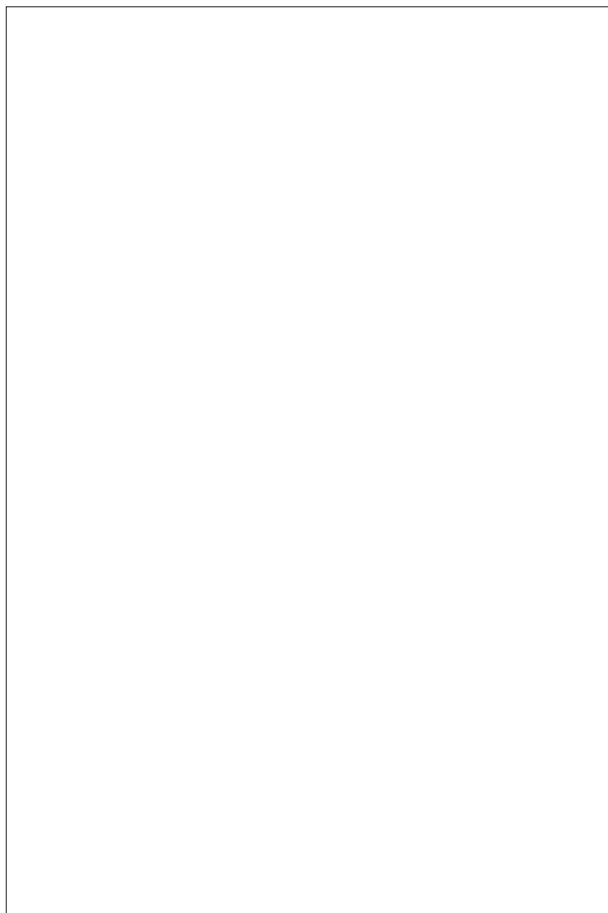
Document all people who have touched the parcel in question. In the documentation, include contact information and provide this to responding law enforcement.

"If the piece of mail was handled, have all those who came in contact with the mail, wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water," said Kelsey. Place all items worn when in contact with the suspected mail in a plastic bag and have it available for law enforcement officials.

As soon as practical, shower with soap and water. Contact the base medical treatment facility for assessment and potential treatment.

"Postal employees are aware of the current situation and their role in force protection," added Kolkena. "(They) are keeping an extra close eye out for dangerous mail indicators."

For additional information on handling mail and anthrax contamination, go to this Web site:
www.usps.com/news/2001/press/pr01_1010tips.htm. (USAFE News Service)



2nd Lt. Andre Kok

Bright Star '01/'02

Staff Sgt. Christopher Falvey and military working dog, Ricky, search a vehicle while deployed to Beni Suef, Egypt, for Bright Star '01/'02. The pair, along with Staff Sgts. Tyrone Morgan and Brandon Tillman, and their military working dogs Rex and Senta, are the only troops from Spangdahlem Air Base deployed to the multi-national training exercise. Participants include forces from Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, the Netherlands, United Arab Emirates, England and the United States. It is designed to increase regional stability and provide opportunities to enhance military cooperation among forces involved. The group returned home from the exercise Thursday after a three-week stay in Egypt.

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representatives is printed below for people wishing to contribute.

52nd Medical Group

Capt. Daniel Gullekson, 452-8325

52nd Operations Group

Master Sgt. Donald R. Ricker, 452-6294

52nd Support Group/ 52nd Fighter Wing

1st Lt. John W. Ponton, 452-6361, or 2nd Lt. James M. Smith, 452-6969

52nd Logistics Group

Capt. Philip C. Dorsch, 452-6290, or Master Sgt. James Martin, 452-5518

Det. 9, Air Force News Agency

Staff Sgt. Paul Gonzalez, 452-9307

470 Air Base Squadron, NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen

Capt. Richard W. Jones, 02451-633934

752nd Munitions Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Christopher Gristle, 360-7218

852nd Munitions Support Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Ronald Lux, 452-7340, Ext. 218, or Senior Airman Drexell F. Fausnaugh, 452-7340, Ext. 321

52nd Munitions Support Squadron

Master Sgt. Matthew J. Preissler or Staff Sgt. William L. Garner, 366-6180, Ext. 320

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The parade begins at 5 p.m. and goes through Spangdahlem AB housing, with the "Snow Marshall" giving out treats to children.

Pumpkin Patrol

Security forces is seeking volunteers to participate in this year's Halloween Pumpkin Patrol Wednesday. For more information call Staff Sgt. Ed Paxton at 452-6544.

Mailing deadlines

The U.S. Postal Service issued this year's mailing deadlines. People mailing letters and packages to the United States for the holidays should ensure they adhere to the following deadlines:

SAM parcels -- Nov. 13

PAL parcels -- Nov. 27

Priority parcels -- Dec. 4

Express mail, first class letters -- Dec. 15

For details, call the Spangdahlem Air Base Post Office at 452-6038.

New postal policy

The United States Postal Service has a new policy in which writing and logos on boxes used for mailing packages must be darkened or covered completely. The Eifel Post Office asks everyone to comply with the new rule prior to standing in line to mail packages. For more information, call Staff Sgt. C.G. Reynaud at 452-7182 or 452-7195.

Sixty-four earn CCAF degree

Two Community College of the Air Force graduates received \$400 Eagle Grant Awards from the Air Force Association during a CCAF graduation ceremony held Oct. 26 in the Spang Club.

Air Force Association representatives presented Senior Airman David Flosi, 852nd Munitions Support Squadron, Beuchel Air Base, Germany, and Senior Airman Haley Singler, 52nd Medical Support Squadron, the grants to encourage their continuing education.

The Fall 2001 CCAF graduates include:

Chief Master Sgt.

John Gabaldon

Senior Master Sgt.

Kenneth Sturdivant

Master Sgts.

John Banaszak, Blake Borsic, Johnny Collett, Royce Cook, Michael Crain, Christopher Hay, Tilmon L. Hodges Jr., Brian Kelly, Robert Lennemann, Edward Lukitsch, Jeffrey Mertzluft, Brian Richardson, Carey Shoff, Frederick Soechting Jr., David Thomas, John Van Duser and Stephen White.

Tech. Sgts.

Michael Frederick, Eric Garlow, Ross Graves, Donald Jenkins, William Kelly, Gary T. Oakes Jr., Raymond L. Pruitt Jr., Andrew Pryor, Julie Rice, Randall Rock, Mitchell Shimmel, Daniel Smith, James Stockton and Harry A. Wilson II.

Staff Sgts.

Anthony Ackerman, Samuel Afflick, Steven Anastos, Eric Bailey, Timothy Boltin, Eric Brooks, John Brooks, Terry M. Brown Jr., Timothy Cook, Martin Dahlke, Jeffrey Garcia, Kurt Klaiber, Bruce Lavere, Leigh Miller, Lloyd Oxford, Jason Schmitz, Brian Taylor, Jay Turcotte, Robert Varkonyi, Nicole Velsor, Stephen Voss, William Warwick, Robert A. Yeager Jr. and Dean Zoett.

Senior Airmen

Tabitha Chapoton, Jacob Deason, David Flosi, Melissa Harmon, John Jacobson and Haley Singler.

Airman 1st Class

Delone Rush

Focus on energy awareness

Month-long campaign educates public about monetary savings

By Master Sgt. Darryl G. Knowles
52nd Fighter Wing energy manager

Imagine the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off due to budget cuts and efforts to save even the smallest amount of energy.

Don't be alarmed; the situation is not this bad yet. However, by Presidential Executive Order 13123, all government facilities must reduce their energy consumption by 35 percent in 2010 compared to what was used in 1985. For this reason, October is designated by the Department of Energy as "Energy Awareness Month."

Spangdahlem Air Base spent more than \$6.8 million in utility bills for fiscal 2001. Past experience shows public energy awareness can conservatively save 2 percent of this cost — or \$137,000.

The objective of Energy Awareness Month is to heighten public awareness of ways to save energy by changing personal habits. Here's a small list that can help save energy:

■ Make a habit of turning off unnecessary lighting when leaving an area.

■ Using "sleep" mode instead of monitor screen savers reduces the electric load 93 percent.

■ Turning the monitor off when

not at the work station saves \$36.80 annually.

■ The average personal computer left on after duty hours costs \$459.90 annually.

■ Laser printers use 300 watts; inkjets use only 10 watts with similar quality.

■ For three copies or less, use the printer; for more, use the copier.

■ Using the "stand-by" button on your copier lightens the energy load by 70 percent.

■ Coffee makers use the same amount of power as 15 standard light bulbs when left on.

■ Wear warmer clothes and turn down the heat to 68 degrees.

■ Try a fan to circulate warm air in the room instead of using a space heater.

■ Walk to get mail or to run other errands instead of driving.

Everyone can think of more efficient ways of going about their average routine. Remember a culture of efficiency starts with the little things.

At the end of the year, saving \$137,000 in energy costs can buy one of the following:

■ 7,000 square feet of carpet for offices

■ 34,250 square feet of repaved roads and parking lots

■ 1.1 miles of new sidewalks

■ Paint for 17 average-sized buildings

■ 63 new personal computers

In addition to energy awareness and conservation efforts, alternatives are being sought to improve energy consumption.

In July, Spangdahlem AB was included in an \$83 million Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC).

The new ESPC contractor will provide upfront investment dollars to upgrade equipment, systems and incorporate new technologies into existing facilities.

Once the improvements start producing savings in the base energy bill, the contractor will be paid from those savings.

This new contracting tool helps ensure the highest possible energy saving measures are incorporated into facilities, while allowing the base more flexibility with a dwindling budget.

With funding continually falling short of expanding needs, the necessity to conserve resources has never been greater.

Each person doing his or her part makes the biggest difference, as always.

Conserving energy keeps that light at the end of the tunnel lighted.

Gamers combat virtual terrorist in activities center

Services LAN gaming party offers another avenue for fun on Spangdahlem AB

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Airman Ortiz Raimundo moved quickly and cautiously through the aircraft. Equipped with an automatic rifle, the 606th Air Control Squadron member fired at a door in the floor he believed concealed a terrorist, but he was wrong. The terrorist was behind another door and he fires a fatal shot at Raimundo's chest. But Raimundo doesn't want to quit yet and with the click of a mouse, he was playing Counterstrike again - this time wiser about opponent's tactics.

Raimundo and about 29 other gamers linked systems in the community activities center Saturday to play in the 52nd Services Squadron local-area network gaming party. Judging from the early turnout, the party gained some popularity since the first party in September where only 12 people showed.

One of the reasons for LAN gaming popularity is its simplicity. All people need is a computer with networking capabilities, monitor, keyboard, mouse, headphones, 220-volt electrical cables and a desire to play, said Staff Sgt. Mark Mullen, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron (Provisional), who in his spare time coordinated the event.

"You don't need to know anything about computers or the games because someone here will gladly help you set up," he said.

At the first party, gamers filled all the connections in the only port services had available. But this time there's two, and again, every usable connection was filled.

"Each party the port gets filled we're going to purchase another one so over time the party's going to get pretty big," Mullen said. "The more players, the better."

Players range from beginners to seasoned gaming veterans. Alias' create an even playing field where airmen can fire injudiciously at NCOs playing terrorists.

A gaming die-hard, Staff Sgt. Gary Holt, 52nd LRS (P), also participates in German LAN-gaming parties and is one of 140 members in a local gaming group. Although he doesn't speak German, Holt said it isn't a problem because most of the gamers understand English and once the game begins, there's little conversation. The appeal of LAN-gaming parties compared to online gaming is in the timing, Holt said.

"In LAN gaming, there's very little lag time," he said. "Some online games can take 120 milliseconds or more to respond after a play is made. LAN gaming time takes only 18 or less, so it's closer to real-time."

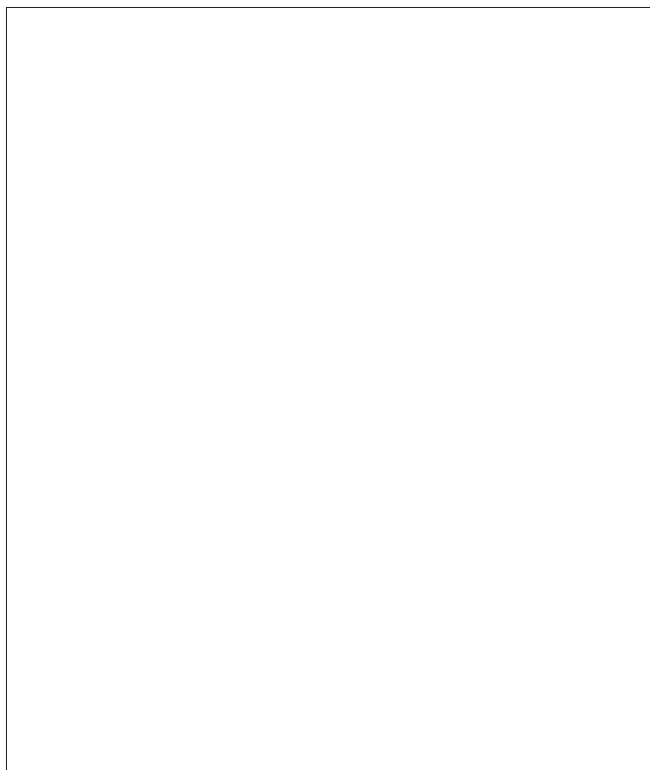
LAN gaming also offers social interaction with people who have common interests, Holt said.

"There are people here from other shops I wouldn't normally get to meet," he said. "It's nice seeing each other and to get to know the person you 'killed' in the last game."

Raimundo, who also plays games online, joined the LAN party on a friend's invitation.

"It's something fun to do that's pretty exciting," he said, as he put on his headphones and prepared for his next Counterstrike adventure.

The next gaming party is scheduled for Nov. 10. Call the community activities center at 452-6567 for more information.



Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
Staff Sgt. Mark Mullen, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron (Provisional), as well as 52nd SVS LAN gaming party coordinator, right, helps gaming newcomer Senior Airman Chuck Tomlin, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, set up his computer to play. To participate, gamers just need to bring their personal computer with networking capabilities, monitor, keyboard, mouse, headphones and 220-volt electrical cables.

At Your SERVICE

SPANGDAHLEM

Chapel

- Catholic Mass: 11:45 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday; and 9 :30 a.m. Sunday
- Confessions, 4 p.m. Saturday or by appointment
- Catholic religious education, 11 a.m. Sunday
- Protestant Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m.
- Protestant Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
- Korean worship, 1 p.m. Sunday

Commissary

- Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Saturday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Main exchange

- Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Child development center

- Monday-Saturday, 5 a.m.-7 p.m.

BXtra (shoppette)

- Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Gas station

- Monday-Saturday, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Sunday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

Outdoor recreation

- Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Airmen's Attic

- Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bowling center

- Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-midnight
- Sunday, noon-9 p.m.

BITBURG ANNEX

Chapel

- Catholic Mass: 9:15 a.m. Tuesday and 11:30 a.m. Sunday
- Catholic religious education: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
- Confessions, 10:45 a.m. Sunday
- Protestant Sunday worship: 8:15 a.m. liturgical; 9:35 a.m. contemporary; and 1 p.m. Gospel
- Protestant Sunday school: 11:30 a.m.

Child development center

- Monday-Saturday, 6 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Commissary

- Monday, closed
- Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Shoppette

- Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Furniture store

- Monday, closed
- Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Main exchange

- Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Gas station

- Monday-Saturday, 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Car care center

- Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday, closed

Airmen's Attic

- Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Oberweiss Annex

Pet spa

- Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Community Mailbox

Budgeting class

Eating on a budget, a course offering healthy, economical food shopping tips, takes place 1-2 p.m. Monday in Bitburg Annex building 67. Call Staff Sgt. Stacie Pawa at 452-3478 for details.

Children's festival

The Hallelujah festival takes place 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex chapels. Children and adults can come dressed in non-scary costumes. Event coordinators seek volunteers to help with festival activities. Call Donna Coker at 06561-948983 or Alaine Strozier at 06565-955898 for details.

All Saints Day service

All Saints Day services take place at 11:45 a.m. Thursday in the Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel and at 7 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex Chapel. Call the chapel office at 452-6711 for details.

Bazaar volunteers

The Officers' and Civilians' Spouses Club seeks volunteers for the holiday bazaar Nov. 9-11. Call 06508-917760 to register.

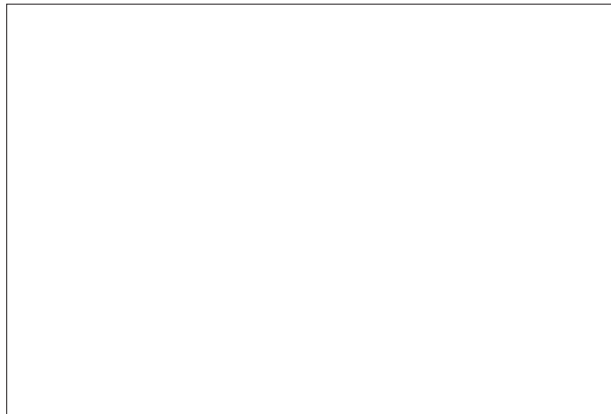
Just Airmen

The 52nd Fighter Wing offers the following activities for E-4s and below:

- Salsa all-nighter, 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Saturday, Saber Club.
- Saber Club Halloween party, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday.

Community pool discount

Military families qualify for a 30 percent Cascade pools swimming pass discount. Visit base services facilities for discount vouchers. Each person must have a separate voucher to receive the discount. For details, call the 52nd Services Squadron marketing and publicity office at 452-6466.



Senior Airman Karen Z. Silcott

Turkey Day play

Third-graders from Spangdahlem Elementary School dress up and sing during a Thanksgiving play. Two classes of third-graders played various characters; turkeys, Indians, and pilgrims at the Spangdahlem Air Base Officer's Club Oct. 17.

Retiree health fair

The 52nd Medical Group retiree health fair takes place 3-5 p.m. Nov. 15 in the community activities center. Call the TRICARE service center at 452-3120 for details.

ITT trips

Information, Tickets and Tours, and Outdoor Recreation offers tours and activities throughout the week. People should register for trips at least three days in advance. Call 452-6567 or 452-94537 for details on ITT trips and outdoor recreation at 452-7176 for details on activities.

Spaghetti dinner

The Boy Scout Troop 460 spaghetti dinner and desert auction is rescheduled for 6 p.m. Nov. 10. Call Jared Moran at 06565-958944 for details and directions to the event.

Family support center news

The following classes take place in building 307 on Spangdahlem Air Base. Call 452-6422 for details or to register.

- European job seekers, noon to 1 p.m. Monday.
- Basic investing, 6-8 p.m. Monday.
- Mutual fundamentals part one, 6-8 p.m. Nov. 5.
- Resume writing, 5-7 p.m. Nov. 6.
- Individual Retirement Account basics, 6-8 p.m. Nov. 19.
- Mutual fundamentals part two, 6-8 p.m. Nov. 26.
- The following classes take place in building 2001 on the Bitburg Annex. Call 452-9491 for details or to register.
- Interview skills, 1-3 p.m. Tuesday.
- Federal job application workshop, 9-11 a.m. Nov. 6.
- Resume writing, 8-11 a.m. Nov. 20.
- European job seekers, noon to 1 p.m. Nov. 26.

Skills development center news

Instruction is free for all classes; some supplies not included. Register for classes at the Crafts Corner shop on Spangdahlem Air Base, unless otherwise indicated.

The following classes take place in building 189 on Spangdahlem Air Base. Call 452-6841 for details or to register.

- One-session tole painting class, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 7.
- Two-day auto mechanics class, 5-7 p.m. Nov. 7 and 14. Register at the Spangdahlem AB auto skills center in building 189.

The following classes take place in building 2002 on the Bitburg Annex. Call Crafts Corner at 452-4141 for details.

- Quilting class, 6-8 p.m. Nov. 12.
- Six-week quilting class, 6-8 p.m. Thursday through Dec. 13.
- Quilting class, 6-8 pm. Nov. 19-Dec. 10.
- One-session tole painting class, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 14.

Disaster kit donations

The Eifel American Red Cross accepts donations of hygiene supplies, writing paper and crayons for comfort kits. Deliver donations to the Red Cross office in Bitburg Annex building 2001. Call 452-9440 or 06565-619241 for details.

Education news

■ Embry-Riddle University offers a four-weekend college mathematics class Oct. 27. A three-weekend airport management class takes place Nov. 3. A general aeronautics and applications class takes place Nov. 4. A weekend class on trends and current problems in aviation takes place Nov. 9. Call 452-7553 or visit the office in building 131.

■ The Air Force Spouses Scholarship program assists 30 spouses worldwide with \$1,000 scholarships toward associate or bachelor degree programs. Applications are available in the education center. Deadline to apply is Thursday. Scholarships are awarded at the end of January.

■ Veterans Education Assistance Program participants are eligible to convert to the Montgomery GI Bill through Wednesday. Certain eligible active-duty members have the opportunity to increase Chapter 30 benefits by \$5,400 by making a maximum contribution of \$600.

Call the base education office at 452-6063 for more information.

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Commander's thoughts

Is the glass half full or half empty? It depends on how you look at it. Essentially, it all comes down to perspective.

By Lt. Col. Kurt Kaiser
52nd Civil Engineer Squadron
commander

It was Sunday evening, Oct. 7, and I was watching football when a special news report came on to tell me we just bombed Afghanistan.

First thought - funny how Dan Rather knows before I do! Second thought, hope we knocked the heck out their infrastructure and anti-aircraft artillery sites ... wonder if there were any Wild Weasels?

Now I understand why a squadron commander called me earlier in the day wanting to get some chemical warfare refresher training for his guys. I didn't ask specifics and didn't hesitate to call our readiness flight to give his people a quick short course on how to inspect their masks and survive chems. Later that evening, I learned from my CW instructor that the deployers had about 45 minutes before they left. He was smiling, pleased he could be there to help.

It all works, folks. The system works just fine when you look at situations in a positive way and work together to get the job done.

For the welfare of others, there was no hesitation by the commander when he asked for training and none

on the other end by the NCO in providing it. Funny, how, when in times of crisis, things seem to go much better. It's why everyone is chomping at the bit to get the call to deploy.

Job satisfaction is up all the way around when people are deployed. Everyone leaning forward to do their part, whatever they can, to get the job done. Their perspective is crystal clear - the only thing that really matters is the mission. Wouldn't it be great if we could work like that on a daily basis? We can ... it's all in how you view your world.

I contend we all have had a new lease on life in the wake of the terrorist attacks in the United States. Suddenly, our concerns seem petty compared to those of the families shattered by the deaths and missing of their loved ones.

By putting our problems aside and thinking of others, have you noticed the world is getting along much better? We have a whole new world order.

Politics aside, it is bipartisanship like never before. Wouldn't it be great if we could bottle this new, cooperative atmosphere and bring it closer to home, to our families and workplace? We can ... by going with

the flow instead of against it.

Think about those people you work closely with. You know the ones who add to the unit and the ones who seem to take away from it.

It's easy to spot the ones that ignite the whole unit, that people look to for the way ahead. It's easy to spot others that are destined for the shirt's office. Which are you?

Are you having fun being in the military and feel lucky to be in a garden spot like Germany or are you the alternative? Does it show? Do you pick your unit up or drag it down? Are you an "upbeat" or a "woe is me" type?

Everyone has a choice about the role they play on the team. We all volunteered to be here and right now it seems like everyone is fighting to be first in line to stand on the front line in the defense of our nation. We have a common purpose. We're talking a major esprit-de-corps event happening here.

Wouldn't it be great if the positive energy that is uniting our military members like never before could go on for years? It can ... think of what happened after Pearl Harbor. Do you believe it's happening again? Sure it is!

It's easy for me to write this as I

see many examples of people that see the glass half full every day. In the cops and augmentees pulling all night shifts; Unit Control Centers controlling deployment messages like a New York street traffic cop, airmen all over the wing volunteering to make it happen; wives, husbands and kids pulling the load so dad or mom can get the job done; and the civilians - wow!

U.S. and host nation civilians have really picked up the load. Our German hosts have supported us like this happened in their country, to their people.

If ever there was the secret to the reason why everyone in the Air Force wants to come to Spangdahlem Air Base it's because there are no better Air Force civilians in the world who take such great care of the military.

Right now, it seems like the glass is overflowing it is so full. The motto I came into the Air Force with - "It's a Great Way of Life" is truer today than it's felt in a long time. Wouldn't it be great if we could capture this feeling, to be an indispensable member of the U.S. Air Force, privileged to be in this spot where millions of Americans would love to be right now. We can ... if we have the right perspective.

Direct Line

Bitburg Annex parking

Questions: With parking a premium on the Bitburg Annex, particularly with regard to the chapel, base exchange and bank, could the new and used car sales not park cars perpendicular so as to take up two spaces? This would free up more parking for customers.

If that's not acceptable, could AAFES move the cars to the commissary parking lot temporarily?

Is it also possible to establish 15-minute time limits on the parking spaces in front of the bank so people can take care of banking business and use the ATM machines easier?

Answers: Good idea on the car sales parking! I apologize that this problem wasn't noticed sooner. We will move the cars immediately so they won't take up so many parking spaces.

We are always looking for ideas to improve the parking and traffic situation on Spangdahlem AB and the Bitburg Annex. Overall, expect parking to continue to be at a premium due to current force protection conditions.

I like your suggestion for ATM users and will establish two 15-minute parking spots in front of the bank. Civil engineers are currently making the signs and should be able to install them in a few days.

If there are other suggestions or recommendations on parking or any other traffic proposal, please submit an Air Force Form 332 through your facility manager, or call the CE customer service section at 452-6686 (Spangdahlem AB) or 452-9156 (Bitburg Annex).

Trick or treating

Question: Many of the residents of the government-leased housing have a concern about Halloween. With all of the security issues lately, will trick or treating in the housing areas still happen on Halloween?

I know I'm definitely not comfortable having bumper to bumper cars driving through here. The streets are crowded with people. Everyone should be required to park somewhere else and walk here. I just think our safety is more important

than trick or treating. I'm sure a lot of people are not comfortable with strangers walking through here with masks over their faces.

What will be done to ensure our safety?

Answer: The 52nd Security Forces Squadron, in conjunction with local police from Bitburg and Wittlich, will man the entry control points at the government-leased housing areas as well as increase patrol coverage within the respective areas. Vehicle traffic will be limited to host nation and U.S. residents only from 6-8 p.m. to cut down on the amount of traffic.

Additionally, wing members are encouraged to volunteer for Operation PUMPKIN PATROL to assist with the safety of the children while they are trick-or-treating. Parents accompanying small children are reminded to stay close to their child and should avoid wearing masks themselves this Halloween.

To volunteer for Operation PUMPKIN PATROL, call Staff Sgt. Edward D. Paxton at 452-6544.

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The Direct Line program is a way to get answers to questions you still have after using your chain of command.

Direct Lines of general interest will be published in the Eifel Times and may be edited or paraphrased for brevity or clarity. Submit your Direct Line via:

- DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil
- Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE 09126
- To public affairs in building 23.
- Concerns may also be sent via fax to 452-5254.

Anonymous inputs are accepted. To receive a personal response you must include your name and phone number. Call the Eifel Times at 452-5244 for more information.

Number of days since last DUI:

As of Thursday

6

You have a choice.
Call Airmen Against
Drunk Driving
at 452-2233.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. More movie synopsis information is available at:
www.aafes.com/europe/eur_mov/snop.htm

Bitburg Castle

Today

Glass House (PG-13)

When Ruby and Rhett's parents are killed in a car crash, Erin and Terry Glass become their guardians. They're promised a world of opulence and California fun. Before long Ruby suspects Erin and Terry may not be ideal guardians.

Saturday

Glass House

Sunday

America's Sweethearts (PG-13)

Kiki is the devoted personal assistant and sister of megastar Gwen Harrison. Life with her famous sister has never been easy for Kiki, but it's about to get even harder. Kiki finds she's faced with a more important concern as her life takes a romantic turn.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Original Sin (9:30 p.m., R)

When Luis takes Julia as his American bride, he thinks his life in Cuba is complete. But people aren't always who they seem, and Luis' life begins to unravel. When Julia disappears with his money, Luis is forced to look into Julia's past.

Thursday

Osmosis Jones (PG)

Deep in the city of Frank (actually the body of construction worker Frank Detomello), Osmosis Jones is a white blood cell cop who has to team up with a rookie cold tablet to fight off evil viruses intent on taking over. Meanwhile out in the "real world", a doctor is trying to diagnose what's going on inside Frank's body.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Atlantis: The Lost Empire (PG)

Milo Thatch dreams of completing a quest begun by his late grandfather. When a long lost journal surfaces, providing new clues to the location, the action shifts into high gear. Milo leads Commander Rourke and his team to the elusive undersea kingdom, but what they find there defies their expectations.

Beautiful Creatures (9:30 p.m., R)

Saturday

Dracula 2000 (R)**Halloween: H20 (9:30 p.m., R)**

Sunday

Planet Of The Apes (PG-13)

In 2029 astronaut Leo Davidson boards a space station for a routine reconnaissance mission. But an abrupt detour lands him on a planet where talking apes rule over the human race. The race is on to reach a sacred temple to discover the shocking secrets of mankind's past and the key to it's future.

Monday

Rush Hour 2 (PG-13)

Hong Kong inspector Lee and detective Carter arrive in Hong Kong for a vacation. Upon their arrival, they're confronted with the biggest case of their careers. A bomb explodes in the American Embassy, killing two U.S. Customs agents who were investigating a money smuggling ring.

Tuesday

American Pie 2 (R)

The summer after their first year at college, the boys rent a beach house and vow to make this the best summer ever. As it turns out, they discover that times change and people change, but in the end it's all about sticking together.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 452-9441.

Eifel's roadside shrines draw curiosity

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The tradition of building shrines and crosses along roads or in open fields in the Eifel region dates back to Roman and Germanic times. The Roman crosses; however, had a different meaning than the ones built later.

Until 460 B.C., the Romans believed demons gathered at road crossings to mislead and irritate travelers. Calling upon the "road gods," the locals made sacrifices and built crosses to chase away the demons. Other shrines built at the time-marked people's property or served as a location point for court trials.

While most of the ancient crosses have disappeared throughout the years, a large number of Christian shrines still exist.

Today, people still lay wreaths or flowers at the crosses in honor of accident victims.

Crosses that show an engraved skull with two crossing bones were built as memorials for the dead, often in honor of a father or son who didn't return from war.

Another category of crosses was built for pilgrims to pray. People prayed there for a variety of different reasons, like a good harvest.

In Binsfeld, there are two interesting crosses. The first is a plague cross, built in 1631 by the family Dietzen. It was built in memory of a family child who suffered from the plague. They often sacrificed food at the shrine for the poor and sick. The second cross, which dates back to 1551, located on Geogstrasse, served as a postal station for the Liege, Belgium, to Vienna, Austria, postal route. It was there the post wagon exchanged horses and picked up or dropped off mail.

Not far from the Herforst government-leased housing, on a forest road, sits the Wenzelhausen wolf cross. Many people fought battles against wolves there. In celebration of their survival, people later built a cross.

Binsfeld and the immediate neighborhood have 17 road crosses, which were all built between 1551 and 1820.

File photo by Iris Reiff

This memorial was built to honor the Virgin Mary, who residents claim helped them during times of need. People with a curiosity for ancient shrines and crosses can find several just minutes from the base.

Sports shorts

Bicycle jersey program

People must pick up logbooks from outdoor recreation by today to take part in the 1,000-kilometer free jersey program.

Riders who log 1,000 or more kilometers by Dec. 31 qualify for the free bicycle jersey.

For more information, call ODR at 452-7176.

Intramural sports

Players need to act quickly to play intramural racquetball, basketball and over-30 basketball since the season begins Nov. 5.

To participate, call or e-mail your unit sports representatives by today. For people in units that won't field a team, stop by the Spangdahlem Air Base fitness center to enter the player's pool.

Youth sports registration

Registration for youth basketball and cheerleading ends at 5:30 p.m. today. Participation is for ages 5 and older, and costs \$25 per child.

Ages 12 and older are eligible to take part in wrestling. Registration begins Nov. 12.

For more information or to register for either these programs, call Spangdahlem Air Base Youth Center at 452-7545 or the

Bitburg Annex facility at 452-9408.

Varsity basketball

Registration for varsity men's and women's basketball continues through Nov. 19. The season begins Dec. 10.

To register or for more information, call 452-6634.

Outdoor recreation trips

Upcoming trips through outdoor recreation include:

■ Saar River bike ride Saturday. ODR travels to the Saar River valley south of Trier for a relaxed bicycle ride, lunch at an outdoor café overlooking the Saarburg waterfall and a castle ruins visit. Cost is \$24 per person with bike rental or \$20 without. The price includes transportation and guide. Youth must be at least 12 years old to participate.

■ Castle, cave and spa trip for airmen only Nov. 3. Airmen basic to senior airmen are invited on a guided cave and castle tour in Valkenburg, the Netherlands, followed by a soak in a local spa. Cost is \$30 with the spa or \$20 without.

■ Luxembourg cave rappelling trip Nov. 17. After a short introduction to rappelling, cave exploration begins with a 50-foot rappel into the mouth of the cave and another 20-foot rappel once inside.

Once it's time to stop touring inside the cave, the group stops in Echternach for ice cream. Transportation, cave gear, instruction and guide are all included in the \$30 price. Youth must be at least 14 to participate.

■ Indoor rock climbing gym Nov. 24. Cost is \$25 per person. Youth must be at least 14 years old to participate.

For more information or to register for any of these trips, call outdoor recreation at 452-7176.

Sabers vs. USAF team

Spangdahlem Air Base's men's varsity basketball team plays the U.S. Air Force team at 6 p.m. Nov. 10 in the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center.

"It's not only a chance for us to put the events of Sept. 11 on the 'back burner' for at least one evening, but also a chance for Spangdahlem's sports program to let people know just who the Sabers are," said coach Maurice Washington.

Fitness center hours

The services squadron staff eliminated excuses for not exercising by opening the Spangdahlem Air Base fitness center 24 hours daily.

The Bitburg Annex facility opens 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Barons loss ends season

By Rik Carr
Bitburg High School football coach

For the first time in four seasons, the Bitburg Barons watch the Division II playoffs from the sidelines after losing Saturday 21-7 to SHAPE.

The Barons, two-time defending division champions, needed to beat Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe by nine points to make the playoffs.

Special teams put Bitburg in the hole early as the Spartans took the opening kickoff 83 yards for a touchdown. The Barons appeared poised to tie the game early after marching 60 yards down the field on its first possession, only to lose a fumble on the SHAPE 5-yard line.

Bitburg's defense then held SHAPE to force a punt. A bad snap sent the Spartans punter scrambling and Bitburg sacked him deep in SHAPE territory. Travis Carr connected with Shayne Czyzewski for a 28-yard score on the next play to tie the game at seven each following a successful point-after try.

On the ensuing kickoff, Jeremy Ponce pounced on the ball at the SHAPE 46-yard line to recover a perfectly executed onside kick by Czyzewski. However, an official ruled a Baron touched the ball before it went 10 yards - SHAPE's ball. The Spartans took advantage of the call on the next play by scoring on an end around. A missed PAT resulted in a 13-7 Spartan lead.

In the closing minutes of the first half, a botched pitch by Bitburg ended up in a safety for SHAPE and a 15-7 halftime score.

Coming out after the half and looking to tie the game, another miscue derailed the Barons. SHAPE recovered a Bitburg fumble following a pass reception and returned it for the eventual 21-7 final score.

In spite of the loss, the Barons defense haunted SHAPE, sacking the quarterback seven times and dropping runners in the backfield for a loss.

Linebacker Braden Blake amassed a season-high 18 solo tackles and two and a half sacks. He also drilled a Spartan in the backfield causing a fumble late in the fourth quarter denying a potential SHAPE score.

Nose guard Brandon White had a big day as well with 13 tackles and two and a half sacks. Ponce followed with 12 tackles and Preston Runquist and Geoff Peele combined for another 11.

Seniors Carr, Josh Blake, Matt Holas, Czyzewski, Runquist, Peele, Ernest Burr and Jacob Smithree played their final high school football game.

JV action

Running back David Thomas scored twice on runs of 30 and 6 yards to lead Bitburg to a 26-0 romp of SHAPE in junior varsity action. Steve Koechle ran for another score and quarterback Demarkus Littles hit Anthony Fomicola for a two-point conversion to wrap up the offensive scoring. The defense added a score when Don Addleman recovered a fumble in the end zone.

Bitburg-SHAPE stats				
Bitburg	0	7	0	0
SHAPE	7	8	0	6
	Bit	SHAPE		
First downs	5	9		
Rushes-yards	20-61	48-235		
Passing yards	93	32		
Comp-Att-Int	6-14-1	3-8-1		
Punts	0	2		
Fumbles-lost	2-2	1-1		

Ready or not, here I come ...

Gary Allen III, of the "Superstars" youth soccer team, drives toward the goal as teammates Tyler Colwell and Bryan Messick back him up. Final games of the youth outdoor soccer season take place Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. on Spangdahlem Air Base (along Perimeter Road) and the Bitburg Annex (behind building 17). Upcoming youth sports seasons are: basketball, Dec. 1 through Jan. 26; indoor soccer, Feb. 16 through March 23; baseball and softball, May 4 through June 15. Game sites on Spangdahlem AB include the middle and elementary school gyms, and the youth center; the middle school gym on the Bitburg Annex. (Baseball and softball teams play on the respective ball fields.) Games take place every Saturday, with a few weekday games. None of the games start before 9 a.m.

Staff Sgt. Timothy Cook

Bitburg High School tennis players take third in division tournament

International School of Brussels ruins top Barons players victory plans

By Pete Vadney
Bitburg High School tennis coach

Top players on Bitburg High School's tennis team hoped going into the Oct. 19 divisional tournament with a No. 1 and two No. 2 seeds would bring home a championship.

The International School of Brussels had other plans for the Barons, who settled for third when play ended.

Boy's doubles teammates Ryan Warner and Josh Sparkman, seeded No. 1, defeated Hanau 6-1, 6-3 in the quarterfinals and looked poised for a championship run. The duo battled their way into the finals by beating a stubborn SHAPE team 7-5, 6-2 to set

up a rematch against ISB, whom the Bitburg team defeated earlier in the season.

Bitburg won a close first game 7-6 in a tiebreaker. ISB's experience on indoor courts proved to be the decisive factor as the team went on to beat Bitburg 6-2, 6-1.

No. 2 seeds Jordan Matthews and Courtney Martz easily stopped their first-round opponents. Matthews beat No. 7 seed Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe 6-3, 6-3 in the boy's singles opening match while Martz pushed aside No. 7 seed Hanau 6-1, 6-0 in girl's action.

Both collapsed in the semifinals

against ISB. Martz lost a close first match 7-5, then fell apart 6-1 to drop into the third-place round. Matthews didn't fare any better, losing in straight sets 6-3, 6-3.

Rebounding from the previous defeats, Matthews beat a persistent Patch player 9-7 while Martz struggled with SHAPE for a 6-1, 6-4 victory. Both finished in third place.

The girl's doubles team of Kara Carline and Erica Shipp quickly left the tournament losing to teams from Patch and Hanau.

The Barons tennis team wrap up the season Saturday and Sunday at the European Championships in Wiesbaden. Matthews and Martz qualified in singles play and Warner and Sparkman in doubles. The field consists of players from throughout Europe.